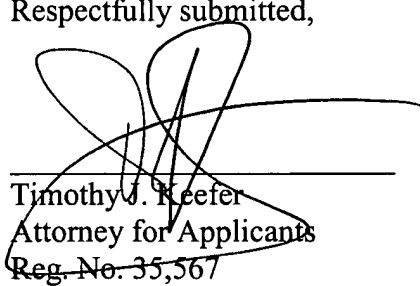


## REMARKS

Applicant submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and the same is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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